

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 4-6 and 11-12. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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